



The Four Angels' Messages

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It is the Three Angels' Message of Revelation 14 empowered by "another angel" (Revelation 18:1) producing the Loud Cry, which is yet future, but now is the time of preparation, which is the purpose of this publication.

Come Nearer To God

Ellen White

We are glad to see so many at this meeting, and we do feel earnest in this matter of being prepared that the Spirit of God can come into our midst. We have allowed many things to come in and separate our hearts from God, and we have not had thoughts of God as it is our privilege to have. We are not on that high vantage ground that we should be, and we feel it sensibly. We want to come nearer to God. We feel sad over the matter when we

think that in all the years that we have professed to be obeying the truth, we have not learned more perfectly to take God at His word that we may be strengthened in His strength.

My mind was called to the first of James, second verse: "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work." If this is our privilege,

and we cannot think that the apostle has led us astray, then let us by faith appropriate the promises of God to us. "That ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." The Word does not say, count it all joy when ye fall under temptations, but when ye fall into temptations. It is not necessary because you fall into temptations that you should fall under them, but it is a comfort to know when you fall into temptation

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Dear Brothers and Sisters ...

Jerry O'Donnell

As many, if not all of you, know that this ministry is very much self-supporting, meaning, that we get no funds from the conference nor am I a paid conference minister, therefore, we completely rely upon you to assist in supporting this ministry as well as myself having to have other employment.

It is to the other employment that I would like to provide another update giving all glory and praise to God.

As you may know, with the New Green Deal being implemented unofficially by the current administration, it has resulted in gas prices soaring. This, along with other policies even before Biden, all that “free money”, has contributed to the inflation that we are experiencing. Even the publication suffered an increase in costs where \$24 annual subscription is now \$29. A new book that this ministry produced went from \$5 for a previously comparable size to nearly \$10 a book preventing us to mass produce and distribute as we rightly count the cost of things.

All of that prompted me to search for additional employment, which I have no idea how to successfully maintain without loss somewhere. We are all given twenty-four hours in a day and any time we add something to our daily routine means that something gets squeezed out. In the beginning of my walk as a Seventh-day Adventist, it was easy to squeeze out things to make room for new things. Spending an hour with God each day simply meant squeezing out TV more and more to the point there is no time for such waste; but today, with ministry, family, secular employment, along with maintaining a home, and that period called sleep, it gets harder and harder to find the time to even read any extra material that is sent to me for review. I am referring to people sending book or books for study material. I appreciate the material but the time required for serious attention is not there.

So, opportunities that would allow me to possibly read on the job, like light security or

something, came to me by recruiters all the time wondering where I would seriously fit such into the schedule. In the meantime, one of the two project managers at my current employment decided to resign. According to my resume, I would qualify for that position. Thinking this was the solution having a bump up in pay taking on the new role, I submitted my name for the position. Unfortunately, at least that is what I thought, the position was denied. The client likes me right where I am at. However, all is not bad news. It seems that the new position risked a once in awhile Sabbath demand for my attention, therefore, God protected me from that situation. In no wise would I ever compromise the Sabbath just to make ends meet. So, in reality it was a blessing.

Now, the company I work for has the task of finding the right candidate for that vacant position, however, the tasks of the vacant project manager still must be conducted until the new one is found. And

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The mission of The Four Angels' Messages Ministry is to alert as many Seventh-day Adventists as possible to see the need of living the Three Angels' Messages, be well-studied in the messages of all four angels, to get ready and be ready very soon to go and preach them, even being active now. It is our belief that not only are we the last generation, but the mark is soon to be forced upon us, and publications like this shall be targeted. So while the presses can run, let us awake to our high calling, despite others who want to remain asleep. Keep in mind, the final movements of the message are described thus:

"Are we hoping to see the whole church revived? That time will never come." {1SM 122.1}

"We must enter upon the work individually." {1SM 122.2}

We are not against conference churches as there are some still faithful, but most are not.

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that you are sons and daughters of God, and that the trying of your faith worketh—ill will, murmuring, fretfulness?—No, patience! And this is an evidence to us that we are sons and daughters of God, if the trying of our faith worketh patience. But Jesus will help us because we look to God for our support and strength in every emergency.

We learn a lesson in these trials in (Romans 5:1-5): “Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: by whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope in the glory of God. And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience experience; and experience hope; and hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.” But

many are inclined to think, as these temptations fall upon us, that we must give up in discouragement, that we have no power to overcome. This is unbelief. We become weak because we fall under temptation and sin against God with our lips in talking discouragements and doubts and talk on the off side and not on the side of hope and faith. You know Christ has had all these temptations. He was tempted in all points as we are. Christ says: “For the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in Me.” What does that mean? He will find nothing that will give him the least advantage or the least ground for triumph, that Satan has prevailed.

How important for us to be on high vantage ground! As a people we are looking for our Lord to come in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. How careful should we be to examine ourselves to see whether we be in the faith. There seems

to be a mist hanging before the eyes of many that they cannot really discern spiritual things and the workings of Satan which threaten to entrap and ruin us. Christians will not be the slaves of passions; they will be controlled by the Spirit of Christ. When they get into perplexity, they will not lose patience and faith and hope. The Lord Jesus has helped us out of peril and oppressive difficulties and perplexities hitherto, and He can help us out of our present trials. These little daily trials and difficulties are the most perplexing and irritating, and we stumble over them and fall under temptation. If we do not bear these little troubles, we are not receiving strength and knowledge to endure greater difficulties which will certainly come. Satan will press upon us overwhelming troubles. But we must learn to come to God in any and every circumstance, come as a child comes to his parents.

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We profess to be Bible Christians, and if we are, we are not left in the dark to take one step after the other in uncertainty, but we can see by the eye of faith where we are going. There is no real difficulty before us, because we have our leader Jesus Christ. But hear the words of Christ, "They that follow Me shall not walk in darkness." Do we not believe it? Then if our pathway appears to be compassed with darkness and difficulties, we must remember that there is light beyond the cloud, and we are not to swerve to the right hand or to the left, but to press forward and upward to the light, notwithstanding all these trials and temptations. Take courage, the Lord knoweth them that are His.

We are to keep talking faith, and this is the victory, even your faith. Jesus has said we should not walk in darkness. Then let us believe His words, and we are to keep talking light and faith and courage, praying and believing—not as the man who said, "I have prayed and prayed, and yet I don't get anything for my prayer." "Well," said his companion, "let us bow now and

ask God together." So they knelt down and prayed, and when they rose up the man said, "Well there, I don't feel any different, and I did not expect I would."

This is the way that many pray. They pray, and they would be much surprised if the Lord would answer their prayer. They do not expect that the Lord will hear them, and they go away just as they came. "Knowing this that the trying of your faith worketh patience." Well now, let our faith be tried. Certainly we will not know whether we have any faith unless it is tried, knowing this that the trying of your faith worketh patience. Well, you say, I cannot see and feel that which I desire, but I believe the Lord will give me the things I have asked of Him. I can and will trust in God. Then be thankful, knowing this that the trying of your faith worketh patience. Do not become restless and faultfinding under the test and proving of God; do not fret or scold or talk discouragements and grieve the Holy Spirit. That which you sow you will also reap, and you do not want to reap this kind of a harvest. You must be careful what

kind of seed you put into the soil, for it will be reproduced. If you talk light and faith and hope, you will educate yourself to see light when God presents it to you. "But let patience have her perfect work, that you may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."

Now everything seems to hinge upon faith, and here are precious words right to the point. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, who giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him." Now do not get to anyone else with your trials and your temptations, but carry [them] to God. What is the condition in the promise? We are to ask in faith, nothing wavering. When you see those that are in ecstasy, full of joy, let temptations and the little difficulties come, and the first thing you know, they are way down in the valley of despondency and gloom, and they begin to talk out their discouragements and doubts. Well, I don't know about this, I do not feel happy, I do not know whether we have the truth or not, and they do not understand this and that, and they talk darkness. Satan listens with hellish joy,

for they please the devil doing this. When these discouragements arise, they should not talk them to others. The devil cannot read your thoughts, but he hears your words and sees your actions, and takes advantage of the weak points of your character, and you have told him how he can gain victory over you by his temptations, wherewith to beset you.

How much stronger we would be, if our words were of that character that we would not be ashamed to meet the record in the great day of God. Should we see our words, faithless words, in a book as spoken, they would appear to you very different than when you uttered them. When you hear one speak impatiently in

the house, how quick some one is to retaliate, and then comes the self-justification. How heavy is the yoke you have placed upon your neck. There is an abundance of words which you have to harvest, and you feel ashamed, you lose self-respect and lose confidence in yourself. You think how much better it would have been if the words had not been spoken. How much better to pass by the first words of a provoking character, showing that the oil of grace was in your heart oiling the human machinery so there will be no friction.

My brethren, unless you are careful to use the same kind of Christian talk in your family and in the household as when you go to church, I would not appreciate

your religion highly. We want good home religion, then we may have a great deal more faith than we have, if we exercise it, and when we ask God for anything, believe we receive it, and we shall have it. "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." But here is the point. You are to believe God just as you would believe and trust a friend who stood by your side, and that friend had never denied you a request, never deceived you. You are to believe that Jesus knows just what you want, and He will give you the very things that you need. Thus you are to go right along, saying, I have laid my burden upon the Lord, and will not lay it upon any human

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being, God will hear and answer my prayers.

The devil may say, You don't feel any better, you feel just as miserable as ever. Tell him, I believe God will do just as He said He would; Jesus has said it, and I believe it. We want that faith which is seen in practical life, faith that works by love and purifies the soul. The right kind of faith has a purifying, refining influence upon the human character. This genuine faith does not make a man careless and rough in his words and deportment in his own family; it does not make him untidy in his dress. He will be neat and orderly and cleanly because he is of value in the sight of the Lord, a son of God. He keeps thinking, I am a spectacle unto the world, to angels and to men, and my words and thoughts must be untainted, and I must not defile my mind with impure thoughts and actions, but I must be getting ready for the society of heavenly angels in the kingdom of glory.

Brethren and sisters, do not let everyone know your thoughts and feelings and your temptations to impatience. Put them under control, master your-

self, because Satan will come in and take advantage of you, if you give him the least chance. Fight the good fight of faith. You may have gained one victory in this work, but that is not enough; you want to gain a succession of victories every day, and thus you are to go on from strength to strength.

We are all to occupy a place in the Lord's building, and it is not the important question whether we shall be big stones or little stones. Let the Builder decide this matter and place you where He sees fit. However little the stone may be, if it shines and emits light just when it is needed, you fulfil the purpose of God. We have a truth that is ennobling, if our faith corresponds with the truth we have accepted. It is not a weak, dwarfed, sickly faith. As soon as you begin to be dissatisfied with yourself, then you begin to cast about for a reason, and you frequently think that there is something the matter with your faith and doctrine, but the trouble is with yourself, and just as soon as you bring yourself into the right relation to the truth you profess, your heart will be refined

and sanctified by it, it will grow more and more precious in your sight, and you will love the truth and its divine Author. Then you can lift up holy hands to God without wrath and doubting. You will not let any hear these miserable, dark testimonies of backsliding and sin, but you will feel all the time as if you must speak a word in praise of Jesus and present to Him gratitude offerings.

I have come over from Europe, and I know what they are doing there. But supposing I should come and tell you all that has made my heart sad and gloomy there, and throw the gloomy, heart-aching experience upon you. What good would this do you? Why, you would say, We will let Europe take care of itself. Well now, we have not found things any more discouraging there than we have found right here in Michigan in the early stage of the work. We do not expect them in Europe to do just what we can do here with our mature experience; but they have to labor with faith and patience as we have had to labor here, and we have seen far more accomplished there than we expected. We

have no evil reports to bring, like the spies that went up to search the land and came back saying they were not able to possess it. But now supposing we put away our sin and unbelief and become more like the Pattern. We grow weaker and weaker by talking of our sins. This is not the way to do, but let us cease to do evil and learn to do well. We must work on the side of faith and hope, and while we are doing this, our faith will be growing, because God honors our faith.

I have not time this morning to tell you how God honored my faith while in Europe, but let us all begin on the faith line! You have been on the doubting line, but now take your feet right off this, and tell what God has done for your soul, and rejoice in the light of truth. When Satan tells you you are too wicked to be saved, tell him, Christ came to save just

such sinners as I, and throw the promise of God right in his face, and you will come out all right.

What you want is genuine faith to trust in the Son of God as your Saviour. He has died for you, and He loves you, and you are to consider yourself of such great value that you will not disappoint the confidence Christ has placed in you by letting yourself down to a low level. Consider that your mind is purchased by God in that He gave His beloved Son to die that you might live, and you want to make of yourself just what God wants you to be—pure, holy, harmless, and undefiled. He says, I will make a man more precious than fine gold, even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir. God never works to save a man against his will, but He co-operates with man to bring to fallen man moral power, if he places himself wholly on the side of

God. But if you put your power on the devil's side, you are not answering the claims of God at all, either in thought, word, or action.

You are to feel that all the power of your soul has been redeemed at infinite cost, and if you feel discouraged, let not the dark shadow fall upon another's truth. You have no right to tell all your disagreeable thoughts to anyone. Come to Me, says Jesus, all ye that are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Now the Sun of righteousness is shining upon us. He does not want us to be so cold as icebergs. He has shone upon us, and we want to have self-respect and reach higher and higher.

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"Born of God" The Signs of the Times 13, 23.

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There are few texts that have been the subject of more anxious inquiry than 1 John 3:9: "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God." This is made much of by the self-styled "holiness" people, who use it to bolster up their own claims to perfection. They seem to take it for granted that they are specially referred to in the text, and think that all one has to do to be beyond the reach of sin is to profess to be born again. On the other hand, there are some who think that such a condition as the text describes is impossible in this life, and that it refers to the life to come, claiming that the new birth is at the resurrection. A question having been asked as to the meaning of the text, we take space for a brief exposition of it.

In the first place we would say that being "born of God" is a change that takes place in this life, and not at the resurrection. John says in this same chapter (verses 1, 2): "Behold, what manner

of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God; therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God." Men are not by nature children of God. Paul says that the "children of disobedience," who walk according to the lusts of the flesh, "fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind," are "by nature the children of wrath." Eph. 2:2, 3. To the unbelieving Jews, who sought to murder Christ because he reproved their wicked deeds, the Saviour said, "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do." John 8:44. Now since "all have sinned" and are consequently by nature the "children of wrath," children of the devil, it follows that those who are now the sons of God have become so by the new birth.

Again, being born again is a prerequisite to obtaining the life to come. Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Except a man be born again, ye cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3. And he

repeated the statement in these words: "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." Verse 5. These texts not only show that the new birth takes place before the resurrection, but they also set us on the track of what the new birth is.

We learn that in the new birth both water and the Spirit have a part. This reminds us of what Paul says in Rom. 8:11-14: "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." The possession of the Spirit shows that we are sons of God, and that we are Christ's. Rom. 8:9. It is called "the Spirit of adoption."

The first work of the Spirit upon the hearts of men, is to "reprove the world of sin." John 16:8. Conviction of sin,

if not stifled, will necessarily drive the soul to Christ (see Rom. 7:24, 25; 8:1); and Paul says that "if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature." 2 Cor. 5:17. But if a man in Christ is a new creature, it must be that he has had a new birth; therefore we know that one who is born of God is one who is in Christ.

Now read Rom. 6:1-3: "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?" And also Gal. 3:26, 27: "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ." Here we learn, what has already been stated, that sons of God are they who are in Christ; and we learn also that we put on Christ, or are ushered into Christ, by baptism. Now connect with these texts 1 Cor. 12:12, 13, where baptism and the Spirit are coupled together, as in John 3:5. It reads: "For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of

that one body, being many, are one body; so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit."

Thus the Spirit convicts of sin; the convicted sinner repents and flies to Christ for cleansing from sin; he shows his acceptance of Christ by being baptized, and rises to walk in newness of life, a new creature in Christ, if he abides in Christ. This is the new birth, or, as it is commonly called, conversion.

But what has this to do with the statement in 1 John 3:9 that whosoever is born of God sinneth not? We shall see, when we have examined one or two texts more which relate to the new birth. We have already seen that the Spirit of God is the prime factor in effecting the new birth. It first works upon the heart, to convict of sin. But how does the Spirit convict of sin? Through what does it operate? In Eph. 6:17 we are told that the sword of the Spirit is the word of God. Then since the word of God is the Spirit's sword, it must be by means of the

word that the Spirit convicts of sin. In support of this conclusion we read Heb. 4:12, 13: "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do."

Then the word of God, – and by this the law is specially referred to, – has much to do in the work of conversion, or the new birth. Without it, the Spirit could make no impression on the heart; and so the psalmist ascribes to it a leading place in the work of conversion, saying, "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul." Ps. 19:7. Now we are prepared for a text which will bring us right back to the one with which we started. We quote 1 Peter 1:22, 23: "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently; being born

again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever."

In these texts last quoted we find the word of God brought to view as the seed by which men are begotten sons of God. Now read once more the text which we are studying:

"Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God." Why does not such an one commit sin? Because the seed by which he was begotten remains in him. And what is that seed? The word of God and the Spirit of God.

That the possession of the word of God in the heart is a guard against sin, is shown by the psalmist, who, speaking of the righteous man, says: "The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide." Ps. 37:31. And again he says: "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." Ps. 119:11.

This statement about the law of God being in a man's heart, reminds us of what the Lord Jesus said, through the psalmist, of himself: "Then said I, Lo, I come;

in the volume of the book it is written of me, I delight to do thy will, O my God; yea, thy law is within my heart." Ps. 40:7, 8. Now since David says that the law in the heart keeps a man's feet from slipping, we will examine a notable instance in the life of our Saviour, to see how it works.

After Jesus was baptized, he was led into the wilderness to be tempted. After he had fasted forty days and forty nights, the devil said to him: "If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread." Matt. 4:3. How did Jesus meet this temptation? Not with parleying, but with the words, "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." That settled the question once for all.

Then the devil took Jesus up and placed him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said, "If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down." Again the prompt reply came: "It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." Here again, from the fullness of the word which was hidden in his heart, Jesus drew a weapon

which foiled this attack of the enemy.

Once more the devil plied his temptation. Taking Jesus into a high mountain, he showed him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them, promising them all to him if he would but for one moment worship Satan as God. Quick as though came the words from the lips of Jesus, "Get thee hence, Satan; for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve."

Notice that Jesus met every temptation with a text of Scripture. But these temptations were suffered and recorded for our benefit, that we might learn how to resist.

Again: Faith is said to be the Christian's shield. Eph. 6:16: "Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked." But faith cannot be separated from the word, for "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Rom. 10:17. One's faith is just equal to the amount of the word that he has (not committed to memory, simply) but hidden in the heart. Now we can

understand 1 John 5:18: "We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not." The object of a shield is to protect the person from being hit. In ancient times, when men fought with swords and bows, the man who received all the blows on his shield kept himself, so that he was not touched. So in the Christian warfare, the one who receives the assaults of Satan upon the shield of that faith which is the outgrowth of God's own word, will keep himself untouched. Thus it was that Christ came off unscathed in his contest with Satan.

Once more: In John 15:7 we read: "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." That is a comprehensive promise. "Ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." What will be the constant request of the one who abides in Christ? It will evidently be for more of a likeness to him. David expressed it when he said: "One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may

dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple." Ps. 27:4. Dare anyone say that such desires will not be gratified. They must be because Jesus said: "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled." Matt. 5:6. Not filled with a good, happy feeling; not filled with complacency; not filled with self-conceit; but filled with righteousness – right doing – obedience to God's commandments; as righteousness is inseparably connected with meekness. Zeph. 2:3; Ps. 25:9.

From this brief study it will be seen that 1 John 3:9 does call for perfect obedience. So does the whole Bible. That book makes no provision for a little sin to be retained. Christ died that he might present to himself, that is, find when he comes for it, "a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." Eph. 5:27. This is the requirement. And surely if one abides in Christ, and if the word of truth by which he was turned from sin, still remains in him, it

will continue to have the same effect that it had at first, and will keep him from sin. This does not mean that the individual will necessarily be perfect in knowledge, nor that he will be in a position where there is nothing more to gain; but it does mean that so far as he has knowledge of the law of God he will walk in it. He will be one of the "undefiled in the way." Ps. 119:1.

Such an one will never boast of his goodness. He will be too much occupied in keeping from falling, to boast, and how will he keep from falling? "Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith." The more he beholds Christ, the more will he feel his own nothingness in comparison; this will beget humility; humility will beget trustfulness; and trustfulness will bring strength. Thus he will be "strong in the Lord and in the power of his might," and, going on from strength to strength, will at last appear in Zion before God. W.

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Abide With Jesus

Jerry O'Donnell

With all the purposeful intent of craziness and control attempts going on right now using everything as an excuse of why they are doing what they are doing, it is easy to get caught up in the headlines instead of making sure one is in right relationship with God. Things are only going to get worse and more challenging, but there is one thing that is consistent throughout – the abiding relationship with Christ.

If we are going to be saved in the end, which ought to be one of two of main focuses in our life, we need to know what that relationship looks like. The other thing we ought to focus upon is the relationship that others have with God, more specifically, their lack of relationship, which ought to prompt us to move into witnessing mode.

Jesus said, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples" (John 15:7-8). Now, here we see the relationship forming, and we see both things we ought

to be concerned about – our relationship being right by abiding in His words, and bearing fruit, which is the witnessing aspect that flows from the first responsibility.

Ellen White penned, "'If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you,' the Saviour said, 'ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.' There is peace to be found in continuing in Christ's love, and in daily carrying out the conditions upon which our salvation depends" {GCB, May 17, 1909 par. 11}.

Again we see in John 12:24 both relationship interests we ought to have. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." Although this parable applied to Jesus dying on the cross, there is still an aspect that applies to us. Jesus said, "If any [man] will come after me, let him deny him-

self, and take up his cross, and follow me" (Matthew 16:24). Paul applied those words as, "I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily" (1 Corinthians 15:31). If we do not die daily to our selfishness, looking out for number one, then we shall be left alone, left to physically die the second death. But if we do die daily, we shall once again bring much fruit.

For those that are concerned that I may have extended the parable beyond the original intention, here is what Ellen White penned once again:

By the casting of grain into the earth, the Saviour represents His sacrifice for us. "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die." He says, "it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." John 12:24.

Only through the sacrifice of Christ, the Seed, could fruit be brought forth for the kingdom of God. In accordance with the law of the vegetable kingdom, life is the result of His death. {Ed 110.2}

So with all who bring forth fruit as workers together with Christ: self-love, self-interest, must perish; the life must be cast into the furrow of the world's need. But the law of self-sacrifice is the law of self-preservation. The husbandman preserves his grain by casting it away. So the life that will be preserved is the life that is freely given in service to God and man. {Ed 110.3}

The seed dies, to spring forth into new life. In this we are taught the lesson of the resurrection. Of the human body laid away to molder in the grave, God has said: "It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: it is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power." 1 Corinthians 15:42, 43.

Jesus went on to say, "I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness" (John 12:46). Therefore, we shall neither be willingly ignorant nor satisfy curiosity in the dark things of the world.

People have wondered what the hype is regarding certain movies only to find out magic is the key element to the films. Oh, they may have avoided the typical nudity, foul language, and violence, but magic seems to be a thrust today in the entertainment world. And there is no such thing as good or white magic. It is all dark.

And those that say, "Don't tell me anymore because I don't want to be responsible for what you tell me", are in darkness already and are held responsible. "Are you not halting between two opinions? Are you not neglecting

to heed the light which God has given you? Take heed lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God. You know not the time of your visitation. The great sin of the Jews was that of neglecting and rejecting present opportunities. As Jesus views the state of His professed followers today, He sees base ingratitude, hollow formalism, hypocritical insincerity, pharisaical pride and apostasy" {5T 72.2}.

John 14:15-17 states, "If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; [Even] the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you." So, one sure

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way to break the relationship with God is to reject the Comforter, which includes the rejection of truth. As we abide in the truth, as we allow the Holy Spirit to aide with us, we are in good standing, but also realize that commandment keeping is involved as well. In fact, one cannot have a relationship with God without keeping the commandments for they define the relationship.

John 15:1-11 captures everything that has been stated: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every [branch] that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye [are] the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men

gather them, and cast [them] into the fire, and they are burned. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and [that] your joy might be full." Do realize that if we are abiding in Jesus, bearing fruit, in His Word, keeping His commandments, receiving His love, the relationship includes purging (John 15:2).

"Said Christ, 'Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.' Why prune the branch that is already bearing fruit? Because its tendrils are fastening upon earthly rubbish, too much of its strength has gone to the growth of the stem and leaves, and too little to the production

of fruit. The vine must be cut away, the tendrils that bind it earthward must be severed. It must be rightly directed. Then it will produce more fruit, and of more precious quality" {RH, April 12, 1892 par. 8}.

1 John 2:6 states, "He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked." Our walk reveals if we abide or not. We can say all about being saved, but the results of that saving relationship as expressed in our walk with Him reveals if we truly are abiding with Christ.

1 John 2:10 again reveals that second important aspect of the Christian, "He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him." Remember, "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself" (Matthew 19:19). So, if we love eternal life, we shall want it for our brother, our neighbor as well.

1 John 2:14, 17 reveals two things that one who abides with Christ will do. "I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him [that is] from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye

are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever." They overcome the wicked one by God's divine power (2 Peter 1:3) and do the will of God. And "Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him" (1 John 3:6).

And now back to our crazy world, as we began this article with. Everything happening is pushing people into one direction that we call Sunday law. There will be only two sides in the end – those that follow antichrist and those that follow Jesus Christ. It will be a doctrinal issue. "For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. Look

to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward. Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son" (2 John 1:7-9).

So, how are you abiding?

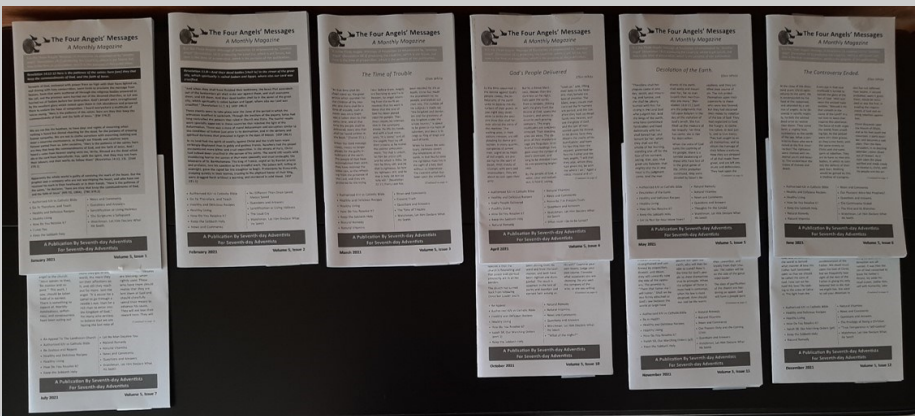


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How Do You Resolve It?

It is one thing to know some verses that help a person stay in the faith, but it is another thing to know the Word in such a way that when a verse seems contradictory to know how to resolve it. True Seventh-day Adventists do not ignore verses. It is our hope that this section will help answer some of those challenges that we may come across personally or be used by others against our beliefs.

Who Raised Jesus?

Ephesians 1:17, 20 states, "That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set [him] at his own right hand in the heavenly [places]".

John 10:17-18 says, "Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This com-

mandment have I received of my Father."

So, did the Father raise Jesus, or did Jesus raise Himself? To help answer this question, let us add another perspective to help clarify the answer right before our eyes. "Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise" (John 5:19). "I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of

the Father which hath sent me" (John 5:30).

Now, let us provide the answer, which is found at the end of John 10:18. Jesus said of His power to raise Himself is received by command of the Father. Therefore, when Jesus raised Himself, it is only by the power given to Jesus from the Father, hence the Father can claim that He was the one to raise Jesus. If it were not for commanding it to be done, it would not have been done as Jesus did nothing except the Father approved of it.

Think of it this way, if there was a dark tunnel that ran under a road, and a young child being asked by another child

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to enter into the tunnel to come out the other side; if that young child enters the tunnel, who provided the permission to do so? Before you answer, let us back up a moment and say that the young child knowing what the plans were, went to his father first earlier in the day, and asked for permission, then when the other child asks, he does not have to say, "Wait. Let me go check

with my father first." Upon receiving permission, the young child may have appeared to have given himself permission to enter the tunnel without the father's consent, but in reality, it was from the father. And in this example, both have given permission. The father gave the child permission, however, when it came time to enter the tunnel, the child could have "chickened out"

and chosen not to go in. Upon going into the tunnel, however, the child was in nowise acting independently as he had obtained permission ahead of time.

Again, Jesus indeed raised Himself only because the Father gave command for Him to do so, allowing the Father to be responsible for the raising of Jesus as well.



Keep the Sabbath Holy

This regularly scheduled column is to enlighten us to proper keeping of the Sabbath through the writings of Ellen White and then additional comments by us, the publishers of this publication since we have so many surface readers as well as those that do not know how to apply certain statements.

Ellen White wrote, "If we desire the blessing promised to the obedient, we must observe the Sabbath more strictly. I fear that we often travel on this day when it might be avoided. In harmony with the light which the Lord has given in regard to the observance of the Sabbath, we should be more careful about traveling on the boats or cars on this day. In these matters we should set a right example before our children and youth. In order to reach the churches that need our help, and to give them

the message that God desires them to hear, it may be necessary for us to travel on the Sabbath; but so far as possible we should secure our tickets and make all necessary arrangements on some other day. When starting on a journey we should make every possible effort to plan so as to avoid reaching our destination on the Sabbath." {6T 359.4}

Some Sabbath keepers require the use of public transportation to get to and from church.

This is permissible in the eyes of God. Some

visiting pastors prefer an early rise from their own beds and set out upon a few hours' journey to their speaking engagement. Again, this would be acceptable along with those speakers that have secular employment and are unable to have a day off on Friday to simply travel to their destination. But where it is possible to have the day off, where it is possible not to be employed secularly and have much more flexibility, hours before the Sabbath should be utilized for travel.

Again, those that know

of a guest speaker coming to an area nearby and want to be present in the congregation at that location but not be a burden to the church having them provide sleeping arrangements, an early rise on Sabbath morning followed by a bit of traveling is acceptable.

But, in each of those cases, make sure all possible expense is transacted ahead of time: the tank is filled, the ticket is purchased if possible, etc.

What Ellen White is referring to in avoiding travel on the Sabbath is the non-necessary travel. If a person is simply visiting a place unrelated mostly for Sabbath purposes, such traveling to or from that destination or even over that period should be avoided as best as possible. Yes, airfare prices may be higher because of not leaving on a Saturday, but which is more important? Keeping the Sabbath holy or

saving a bit of money for that visit with relatives or that vacation spot?

And when traveling by vehicle for unnecessary reasons, arriving on the Sabbath including Friday night after sunset ought to be avoided, besides, traveling during the Sabbath hours probably will require refueling, a financial exchange happening during Sabbath hours.

May God help us to discern what is considered necessary and unnecessary travel on the Sabbath, and may God help us to know how to avoid bad timing and expenses for the necessary travel on the Sabbath.

But here is one additional thing to mention outside of the travel topic. The suggestion of trying to buy tickets and fuel before the Sabbath has, in many families, translated into any activity on the Sabbath is permissible if the tickets are pur-

chased beforehand. In other words, if a family wants to visit the zoo on the Sabbath, as long as the tickets are bought beforehand, it is, in their minds, permissible, and that is not true. This paragraph permits, in God's eyes, travel on the Sabbath for Sabbath services, not for secular activities. Going to the zoo is not a Sabbath service. And changing out the word "zoo" makes other things unacceptable too. Going to a flower garden that charges admission as long as the fee is paid ahead of time again is not appropriate either. How do other people who know the Sabbath keeper but are not Sabbath keepers themselves know that the entrance fee was paid beforehand? And what example is being set showing up at a secular activity charging an admission fee on the Sabbath?



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Healthy Living

Ellen White

Periodically, we need reminded that our bodies are not our own. And sometimes we need to get back to the basics. We need to hear from the words of inspiration, the Spirit of Prophecy.

Having a Well-Kept Sick Room to Prevent Spreading Germs

[**COMMENT:** A sick room is not necessarily a room at a hospital or wellness center. A sick room can be and often should be that of one's bedroom or other room in the house where isolation can take place. Sure, it may be confining, but it is irresponsible for the whole family to pass a severe illness around when a few days of separation and limited exposure would have prevented such negative impact.]

When severe sickness enters a family, there is great need of each member giving strict attention to personal cleanliness, and diet, to preserve themselves in a healthful condition, and by thus doing, fortify themselves against disease. It is also of the greatest importance that the sick-room, from the first, be properly ventilated. This will be beneficial to the afflicted, and highly necessary to keep those well who are compelled to re-

main a length of time in the sick-room. {2SM 455.1}

The sick-room, if possible, should have a draught of air through it day and night, The draught should not come directly upon the invalid. While burning fevers are raging, there is but little danger of taking cold.... The sick must have pure, invigorating air. If no other way can be devised, the sick, if possible, should be removed to another room, and another bed, while the sick-room, the bed, and bedding are being purified by ventilation. – H. to L., Chap. 4, p. 60. {HL 71.5}

Every breath of vital air in the sick-room is of the greatest value, although many of the sick are very ignorant on this point. They feel much depressed, and do not know what the matter is. A draught of pure air through their room would have a happy, invigorating influence upon them. – H. to L., Chap. 4, p. 59. {HL 72.1}

There is a lamentable

catalogue of evils which have their origin in the sick-room, from which the pure air of heaven is excluded. All who breathe this poisonous atmosphere violate the laws of their being, and must suffer the penalty. – H. to L., Chap. 4, p. 58. {HL 156.3}

If fevers enter a family, often more than one have the same fever. This need not be if the habits of the family are correct. If their diet is as it should be, and they observe habits of cleanliness and realize the necessity of ventilation, the fever need not extend to another member of the family. The reason that fevers prevail in families and expose the attendants, is because the sick-room is not kept free from poisonous infection, by cleanliness and proper ventilation. – H. to L., Chap. 4, p. 57. {HL 158.3}

All unnecessary noise and excitement should be avoided in the sick-room, and the whole house should be kept as quiet as possible. Ignorance, forgetfulness, and recklessness

have caused the death of many who might have lived had they received proper care from judicious, thoughtful attendants. The doors should be opened and shut with great care, and the attendants should be unhurried, calm, and self-possessed. – H. to L., Chap. 4, p. 59. {HL 159.1}

It is the duty of attendants and nurses in the sick-room to have a special care for their own health, especially in critical cases of fever and consumption. One person should not be kept closely confined to the sick-room. It is safer to have two or three to depend upon, who are careful and understanding nurses, these alternating and sharing the care and confinement of the sick-room. Each should have exercise in the open air as often as possible. This is important to sick-bed attendants, especially if the friends of the sick are among that class who continue to regard air, if admitted into the sick-room, as an enemy, and will not allow the windows raised or the doors opened. The sick and the attendants are in this case compelled to breathe the atmosphere from day to day, because of the inexcusable ignorance

of the friends of the sick. – H. to L., Chap. 4, p. 56. {HL 250.1}

If attendants are awake to the subject of health, and realize the necessity of ventilation for their own benefit, as well as that of the patient, and the relatives, as well as the sick, oppose the admission of air and light into the sick-room, the attendants should have no scruples of conscience in leaving the sick-room. They should feel themselves released from their obligations to the sick. It is not the duty of one or more to risk the liability of incurring disease and endangering their lives by breathing the poisonous atmosphere. If the sick will fall victims to their own erroneous ideas, and will shut out of the room the most essential of heaven's blessings, let them do so, but not at the peril of those who ought to live. – H. to L., Chap. 4, p. 57. {HL 250.2}

Where there are two watchers, they often converse together, sometimes aloud, but more frequently in whispered tones, which is far more trying and exciting to the nerves of the sick than talking aloud... Attendants upon the sick should, if possible, leave them to quiet and rest through

the night, while they occupy a room adjoining. All unnecessary noise and excitement should be avoided in the sick-room, and the whole house should be kept as quiet as possible. Ignorance, forgetfulness, and recklessness have caused the death of many who might have lived had they received proper care from judicious, thoughtful attendants. – H. to L., Chap. 4, p. 59. {HL 251.3}

It is of great value to the sick to have an even temperature in the room. This cannot always be correctly determined, if left to the judgment of attendants, for they may not be the best judges of a right temperature. And some persons require more heat than others, and would be only comfortable in a room which to another would be uncomfortably warm. And if each of these are at liberty to arrange the fires, to suit their ideas of proper heat, the atmosphere in the sick-room will be anything but regular. Sometimes it will be distressingly warm for the patient; at another time too cold, which will have a most injurious effect upon the sick. The friends of the sick, or attendants, who

through anxiety, and watching, are deprived of sleep, and who are suddenly awakened in the night from sleep to attend in the sick-room, are liable to chilliness. Such are not correct thermometers of the healthful temperature of a sick-room. These things may appear of small account, but they have very much to do with the recovery of the sick. In many instances life has been periled by extreme changes of the

temperature of the sick-room. {2SM 455.2}

"Said he, 'That which gave you relief will also relieve your child. He needs air. You have kept him too warm. The heated air coming from a stove is injurious, and were it not for the air coming in at the crevices of the windows, would be poisonous and destroy life. Stove heat destroys the vitality of the air, and weakens the lungs. The child's lungs have been

weakened by the room being kept too warm. Sick persons are debilitated by disease, and need all the invigorating air that they can bear to strengthen the vital organs to resist disease. And yet in most cases, air and light are excluded from the sick room at the very time when most needed, as though dangerous enemies.' {PH144 21.2}



Healthy And Delicious Recipes

Almond Rosemary Lemon Crusted Tofu

Ingredients

- 1 block extra-firm or firm tofu drained, pressed*, and cut into 8 slices
- ½ cup raw almonds
- 2 tablespoons fresh rosemary (about 2 sprigs with stems removed)
- ½ cup bread crumbs
- 1 teaspoon lemon zest
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon garlic powder
- ½ cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup full-fat coconut milk (or other plant-based milk if preferred)
- lemon wedges for serving

Instructions

1. OVEN: Preheat your oven 400F (200C). Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. To make the almond rosemary crust, add the almonds and rosemary to a food processor or high speed blender, grind until the almonds are finely chopped but some larger chunks remain. Add the breadcrumbs, lemon zest, salt, garlic powder; pulse to combine.
3. Take 3 medium bowls. In the first bowl add the all-purpose flour. In the second bowl pour in the coconut milk. In the third bowl, pour in the almond rosemary mixture.
4. Now take a tofu slice and dredge the tofu in the flour. Shake off excess and then dip the floured tofu into the coconut milk. Finally, dip the coconut milk covered tofu into the almond rosemary mixture to coat. Place the coated tofu on the

parchment paper and repeat with remaining slices until they are all coated.

5. OVEN: Bake 18 - 23 minutes until

the crust is lightly golden and crispy. Serve hot with a wedge of lemon for squeezing.

Notes

*You can press the tofu but it isn't required. Pressing it will make the tofu a little firmer and chewier. Leaving it un-pressed will result in a more tender tofu.



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Authorized KJV vs Catholic Bible

If you are using anything but the KJV, you are using a Catholic influenced Bible, which strategically twists and leaves out key words and verses so as to make even the ecumenical movement between religions outside of Christianity possible. And Ellen White does identify not to use them for reliability: “Wycliffe’s Bible had been translated from the Latin text, which contained many errors.” {GC 245.1}. Latin is Catholic or which most modern versions rely upon.

Are You Sealed or Just Counted as His?

Ephesians 1:13 tells that upon belief in the truth, the Holy Spirit seals us. This verse helps identify the seal of God from Revelation 7. It is usually used in a stepping stone

of knowledge. However, if that stone is removed, one may not be able to get to the next stone, hence the crucial need for the word “seal” or a form thereof to be present. The word “sign” or the form, is also acceptable as Romans 4:11

tells us that the words “sign” and “seal” are synonyms. Although there are only a handful of versions that do not use the word “seal” or “sign”, it is still worth noting the importance of this verse.

King James Version: In whom ye also [trusted], after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise

In Error:

Contemporary English Version: Christ also brought you the truth, which is the good news about how you can be saved. You put your faith in Christ and were given the promised Holy Spirit to show you belong to God.

Good News Translation: And you also became God's people when you heard the true message, the Good News that brought you salvation. You believed in Christ, and God put his stamp of ownership on you by giving you the Holy Spirit he had promised.

New Living Translation: And now you Gentiles have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago.

Correct, This Time:

A Faithful Version: In Whom you also trusted after hearing the Word of the truth, the gospel of your salvation; in

Whom also, after believing, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

American Standard Version: in whom ye also, having heard the word of the truth, the gospel of your salvation,— in whom, having also believed, ye were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

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sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

Berean Study Bible: And in Him, having heard and believed the word of truth—the gospel of your salvation—you were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,

Bishops' Bible of 1568: In whom also ye, after that ye heard the worde of trueth, the Gospell of your saluation, wherin also after that ye beleued, were sealed with the holy spirite of promyse,

Catholic Public Domain Version: In him, you also, after you heard and believed the Word of truth, which is the Gospel of your salvation, were sealed with the Holy Spirit of the Promise.

Christian Standard Bible: In him you also were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and when you believed.

Coverdale Bible of 1535: on who also ye beleued, after that ye herde the worde of trueth, namely ye Gospell of youre saluacion: wherin whan ye beleued, ye were sealed with the holy sprete of promes,

Darby Bible Translation: in whom ye also [have trusted], having heard the word of the truth, the glad tidings of your salvation; in whom also,

having believed, ye have been sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

Douay-Rheims Bible: In whom you also, after you had heard the word of truth, (the gospel of your salvation;) in whom also believing, you were signed with the holy Spirit of promise,

English Revised Version: in whom ye also, having heard the word of the truth, the gospel of your salvation,—in whom, having also believed, ye were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

English Standard Version: In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,

Geneva Bible of 1587: In whom also ye haue trusted, after that ye heard the worde of trueth, euen the Gospel of your saluation, wherein also after that ye beleueed, ye were sealed with the holy Spirite of promes,

Godbey New Testament: in whom you also, having heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, in whom, also having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

GOD'S WORD® Translation: You heard and believed the message of truth, the Good News

that he has saved you. In him you were sealed with the Holy Spirit whom he promised.

Haweis New Testament: In whom ye also trusted after ye had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, ye have been sealed with the holy Spirit of promise,

Holman Christian Standard Bible: When you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and when you believed in Him, you were also sealed with the promised Holy Spirit.

International Standard Version: You, too, have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed in the Messiah, you were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,

Lamsa Bible: In whom, you also have heard the word of truth, which is the gospel for your salvation: in him you have believed, so you are sealed with the Holy Spirit that was promised,

Literal Emphasis Translation: In whom you also having heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation in whom also having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

Literal Standard Version: in whom you also, having heard the word of the truth—the good

news of your salvation—in whom also having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of the promise,

Mace New Testament: by whom you also have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: and having believed in him, ye were mark'd with the seal of the holy spirit, which was promised:

NET Bible: And when you heard the word of truth (the gospel of your salvation)—when you believed in Christ—you were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit,

New American Standard Bible: In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of the promise,

New Heart English Bible: in whom you also, having heard the word of the truth, the Good News of your salvation,—in whom, having also believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

New International Version: And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,

New King James Version: In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

Smith's Literal Translation: In whom ye also, having heard the word of truth, the good news of your salvation: in whom also having believed, ye were sealed by the holy Spirit of solemn promise,

Tyndale Bible of 1526: In whom also ye (after that ye heard the worde of trueth I meane the gospell of youre saluacio wherin ye belevd) were sealed with the holy sprete of promes

Webster's Bible Translation: In whom ye also trusted, after ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

Weymouth New Testament: And in Him you Gentiles also, after listening to the Message of the truth, the Good News of your salvation--having believed in Him--were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit;

World English Bible: in whom you also, having heard the word of the truth, the Good News of your salvation--in whom, having also believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

Worrell New Testament: in Whom ye also? after having heard the word of the truth, the Gospel of your salvation, in Whom having also believed?were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

Worsley New Testament: In whom ye also trusted, when ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also when ye believed, ye were sealed with the holy Spirit of promise,

Young's Literal Translation: in whom ye also, having heard the word of the truth -- the good news of your salvation -- in whom also having believed, ye were sealed with the Holy Spirit of the promise,



Questions And Answers

Allow at least three (3) months before your question may appear.

QUESTION: How do you explain, without going into a long sermon, about Revelation 17: 5 ("the mystery of Babylon") to someone?

ANSWER: In trying to keep it as simple as possible, 1 Corinthians 2:7 states, "But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, [even] the hidden [wisdom], which God

ordained before the world unto our glory." Focusing upon the word "mystery" and not that it is connected to God, we see the definition of mystery according to the Bible is that it is "hidden". Therefore, "mystery Babylon" is the hidden activities of Babylon. In fact, hardly anyone understands except the well-studied, who are

known as "the very elect" (Matthew 24:24). Even Paul alluded to the activity by declaring, "For the mystery of iniquity doth already work..." (2 Thessalonians 2:7), so how active Babylon is with causing the world to go into iniquity is a mystery, hidden.

This understanding is found in the supporting

verses of 1 Thessalonians 5:3-5, which says, "For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness."

Children of darkness are unable to recognize the activities of "mystery Babylon", but the children of light have the necessary light to see what is coming.

QUESTION: Can you explain 1 John 3:8-10 in very simple terms please?

ANSWER: 1 John 3:8-10 reads as, "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. In this the children of God are

manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother."

When we sin, we are listening to the devil, therefore, we are of the devil. Now there is a difference between an oops moment and a way of life. "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous" (1 John 2:1). We are expected to live without sinning, however, if a temptation were to take us and we sin, we are to "come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:16), and "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

Those that simply excuse away their sin or sinning as it not being significant for salvation are truly of the devil.

Now, that sin is in the world and for some strange reason, "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but

have everlasting life" (John 3:16). Further, "God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved" (John 3:17). That means the mission, the purpose of the Son of God was to be made manifested, revealed to us through the gospel in what Heaven has done to offer us eternal life.

Now since the devil's aim is to resist being told what to do, which is sin, he has successfully tempted everyone "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). And we know that "the wages of sin [is] death" (Romans 6:23), but as stated, the purpose of God is not to condemn but to save.

Jesus cannot bring sin into Heaven, therefore, He came to destroy the works of the devil. This is not the results of the devil. Many think that Jesus came so that we can feel guilt-free through becoming saved, and that is not true. Jesus came in that upon successful destruction of the works of the devil in us, we will "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts

thereof. Neither yield ye your members [as] instruments of unrighteousness unto sin” (Romans 6:12-13).

Now, to be born of God is to be born-again. “The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know [them], because they are spiritually discerned” (1 Corinthians 2:14). It is also known as the “flesh”. We are all born with a nature bent on rebellion, selfishness, and sin. To be born again, we “walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit” (Romans 8:1). We become “partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust” (2 Peter 1:4). And we live “According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that [pertain] unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue” (2 Peter 1:3).

Now, they that do walk after the Spirit will not be committing sin. We already addressed the “oops” moment, but to such as are born-again, everything that is sinful will be rejected. We will not allow ourselves to be exposed to sin in

any manner as is physically capable of doing and in our control. Basically, “whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, [even] our faith” (1 John 5:4).

With “his seed remaining in him”, we are told “Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever” (1 Peter 1:23), which then leads to the point that a person just cannot be led to sin. It is not that they cannot physically sin. Oh, born-again people can easily sin, if they chose. They are just so compelled like Joseph, but over every temptation instead of just sexual temptation to say, “how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?” (Genesis 39:9).

So, if we are of God, our characters will manifest or reveal that we are of God. We will not have to show it by the use of jewelry or claiming with our mouths to be saved. Our characters will be “the light of the world” (Matthew 5:14). The children of the devil will also be easily manifested or revealed by their characters. Explic-

itly, it means, that whatsoever does not conduct themselves in a righteous manner are not of God. And he that does not love other human beings, having pity and seeking to find a way to bring salvation unto them, that, too, of lacking compassion is a manifestation of the devil.

What complicates matters is when people are claiming to be born-again, saved, even Christian, when they are not. Not only are they a poor example, but they are the ones that cause great difficulty, even persecution of true Christians. No wonder the scripture says that those that do not do righteousness are not of God. That is because those that do righteousness are not necessarily of God. Many use a cloak of righteousness to gain their evil goal. It is only clear to us observers that a person who lacks righteousness in their lives is of the devil. We cannot read hearts.

So, we hope that has broken down the verses into the basic elements and understanding.



Prophecy Made Plain

In this new article, as requested by our readership, we will address one last day event at a time and try to put it into plain speak.

The Second Beast of Revelation 13

Revelation 13:11 states, “And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.”

First, according to Daniel 7:23, a beast represents a nation.

Second, according to Revelation 13:10, as the first beast goes into captivity, the second beast appears on the scene. Without going into a whole other lesson on the first beast of Revelation 13, we will simply be making a statement here so as to avoid bringing in too much information. The first beast was going into captivity at the end of the 1700s, specifically 1798, when it received the deadly wound, later, to be healed (Revelation 13:3). Therefore, in the

late 1700s, the nation referred to in the prophecy would be coming to power.

Third, the nation that rises up during the late 1700s arises from an unpopulated place on earth. This is noted by the coming up out of the earth as opposed to water, which represents “peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues” (Revelation 17:15). If that is water, then earth is not a whole lot of people, not a multitude, not many nations like Europe, and not many languages like Europe.

Fourth, the nation would be founded upon two strong principles yet separated. Habakkuk 3:4 speaks of horns not necessarily representing only countries but power, such as the power of the government called the state and the power of godly principles

known as church. A separation between church and state better known as Republicanism, a representative government, and Protestantism.

Fifth, being represented by a significant beast, like the four mentioned in Daniel 7:3-8 as well as Revelation 13:1-2, this particular nation would also be world influencing. In other words, the nation referred to would be a super power.

Sixth, Revelation 12:16 shows how the earth, the unpopulated place, helped the church (woman) escape Europe where a flood of multitudes of peoples, nations, and tongues tried to silence her.

Using these six identifying marks of prophecy, we must conclude that the United States is that nation.



Watchman, Let Him Declare What He Seeth

This section is not about revealing the apostasy and creating ill feeling towards the conference. It is to make sure that no one is caught up in those that participate in the apostasy. That is what it means to “Declare What I See” because God says, “When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked [man] shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand” (Ezekiel 3:18). We have enough to worry about our own life; we do not need your (in general) blood to be on us too.

April 5—Adventist World

ADRA Assists Dehydrated, Exhausted, Stressed, and Hungry Migrant Families

The project was originally slated to provide a hygiene kit to each Haitian family selected, but it was modified to instead offer vouchers or cards so that families could obtain what they most needed in local grocery stores, Trundle explained. Although the assistance is mainly for Haitian migrant families, the project has expanded to assist migrant families from other nationalities as well.

Bible: 1 Peter 2:13-14
“Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.”

EGW: “It is our duty in every case to obey the laws of our land.” {ML 280.3}

Comment: The law of the land states that the activity these migrants are doing is illegal. Boasting of aiding these families is wrong. We are not saying that providing relief is wrong, but the article and publishing of the activity on this political hot topic

brings yet another excuse that people can point to our church system for those opposed to such activity stating, “I could never join a church that aides and abets illegals!”

June 3—Fulcrum7

Captain Graham Hood Banned from Speaking at SDA Churches In Western Australia

So why would Steve Goods, the Western Australia Conference President try to ban Hoody from speaking in Western Australia? According to Good, “Hoody is divisive and might be connected to right wing groups”. That’s the excuse this person is using. It appears to be part of a larger wave of marginalization that is occurring in liberal Adventist territories over the last several years.

Bible: 2 Thessalonians 2:15 “Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.”

Comment: Standing on the Word of God is seen as right wing. Woke-ism in the Seventh-day Adventist church, using cancel culture, is of the devil.

June 4—Advent Messenger

Seventh-day Adventists in Spain join the Jesuits in an ecumenical event called “Commitment for Peace”

Bible: Thessalonians 5:3
“For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.”

Comment: That includes all that join in with the ecumenical movement, even of supposed people of God. May they repent before it is too late.

June 11—Advent Messenger

The Vatican Flag was flown at the 61st General Conference Session in St. Luis, MO

The Vatican flag represents the spiritual and political power of Pope Francis and points to the headquarters of the Roman Catholic Church, the seat of the beast (papal power). On Sabbath, June 11, 2022, the Vatican flag was flown during the Parade of Nations event at the conclusion of the 61st General Conference Session in St. Louis, MO, the Seventh-day Adventist Church’s most important conference. According to Ted Wilson’s explanation to the world session, the banner of Rome was flown to de-

pict the nations not yet reached.

Comment: The Vatican is not and will never be opened to being evangelized. This is one of those right-hand and left-hand things. With one hand, let us honor Rome, and with the other hand, let us tell the people it is about evangelizing.

EGW: "They taught their children to abhor popery, and held that to seek harmony with Rome would be disloyalty to God. But how widely different are the sentiments now expressed." {GC88 563.1}

June 25—Advent Health Website

Christmas In July

Download, color, and cut out your own Flat Santa. Before he's off on his next journey, make a donation and then send Flat Santa to a family, friend or coworker to encourage them to participate. Document his adventures to have them shared with kids in the hospital by clicking "start a fundraiser" to personalize your page and his journey. Once his summer vacation is over, Flat Santa will go back to a patient in the hospital for our Christmas in July celebration!

See where Flat Santa will go next by using #FlatSanta on social media.

Bible: Romans 1:25
"Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen."

Comment: To promote a fictional character that has stolen all of the attributes of God is no surprise. It is simply the devil being in control of this system, completely and utterly surrendered to the devil.



News And Comments

May 26- Reddit

"Covid has been one of the most profitable products, ever."

WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM: "COVID has been one of the most profitable products ever... every 30 hours a new billionaire was minted during the pandemic". "For by thy sorceries were all nations deceived" (Revelation 18:23). COVID is a product!

June 1—Star Telegram

Voters, here's what it will take for Texas GOP leaders to finally listen

on gun violence

Does anyone sense that there is an agenda, possible set-up to try and get one of the most notable states that exercises the second amendment as broad as possible? How the shooting was handled in Uvalde leading up to and during the incident is all questionable. Although it may be nothing, the fact that the words "What it will take" implies an effort underway to get Texas to bow down to gun control. Like it or not, it is a constitutional right, just like those who use speech that is offen-

sive is also a constitutional right. "The violent take it by force" (Matthew 11:12).

June 1—National Review

Experts Warn of Summer Energy Blackouts during Biden's Green Transition

This shows two things. It shows first, despite the New Green Deal being defeated in Congress a couple or more years ago, it still can go forward as if ruled by a dictator. On the same note, and still point one, despite Trump pulling us out of the Paris agree-

ment accord, which the green initiative is the active completion of the agreement, evidently such actions by Trump meant nothing. We are still moving forward. Now, the second thing is that of control. The existing electrical grid is not ready for the Green Initiative. There is no phasing it in. Therefore, the elite will not suffer their lack of need but who gets to have electricity and who does not can easily be controlled. And with everything being pushed away from oil, gas, even wood, strongly pushing all households to have some form of electric heat dependency, not complying with other unrelated governmental rules will result in an outage. If they can roll blackouts at will, they can control the people in general and specifically. "With force and with cruelty have ye ruled them" (Ezekiel 34:4).

June 6—NY Post

CDC raises monkeypox alert to level 2, recommends masks during travel

CDC: "Monkeypox spreads between people primarily through direct contact with infectious sores, scabs, or body fluids." So, why recommend mask wearing again for something that is transmitted physically. Goes to show that the

agenda is afoot again. "O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane [and] vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called" (1 Timothy 6:20).

June 6—Today

It took leaving my strict religion at age 57 to realize that I deserve happiness

None of us "deserve" anything, including happiness. And if one thinks that happiness comes from a liberal lifestyle without restrictions, just remember, Satan thought the same thing and his end is certain. Last I checked, it is not the denomination or restrictions of man, but Jesus who declares, "strait [is] the gate, and narrow [is] the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it" (Matthew 7:14). That is a strict discipline.

June 6—Fox News

Pro-choice activists strip during Joel Osteen church service: 'Overturn Roe, hell no'

Only Satan invades such a setting to disrupt a service such as this. The protestors are in the wrong environment and have no legal purpose to interject their opinions. There are other forums but this is to be a place that should be free from such displays as this,

assuming there is some type of dedication to God's way where abortion would not be one of those ways. In other words, most in attendance are against abortion. It is not a political environment or weight upon politics. It is a worship service. And to disrupt the service touting a different political view is unacceptable. If there was any reverence in the facility, that surely was not it. "Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I [am] the LORD" (Leviticus 19:30). We are not saying we support Joel Osteen, but certainly we are declaring that a church service is not a place to freely express one's political position.

June 13—Fox News

Religious watchdog groups warn secular society causing 'self-censorship' among Christians

Fox News: "Christians are practicing "various forms of self-censorship" and find it increasingly difficult to express their faith freely even in countries that have historically been Christian, according to a new study from religious watchdog groups." Bible: Matthew 5:14-16 "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth

light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

June 14—AP News

Pope says traditionalist Catholics "gag" church reforms

2 Thessalonians 2:15 says, "Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle." How dare the pope criticize people taking a stance on, what still may be erroneous doctrines, but it certainly better than what the pope has been teaching as new doctrine. And speaking of which, God says, "I [am] the LORD, I change not" (Malachi 3:6), so should not every denomination be teaching the unchanging doctrines of Christ and not be teaching doctrines that makes the church more acceptable into society? In other words, the denominations have changed instead of society, and that is not of Christ.

June 14—LA Times

Yellowstone Park assesses damage after floods 'never seen in our lifetimes'

"Everything in the world is in agitation. The signs of the times are ominous. Coming events

cast their shadows before. The Spirit of God is withdrawing from the earth, and calamity follows calamity by sea and by land. There are tempests, earthquakes, fires, floods, murders of every grade. Who can read the future? Where is security? There is assurance in nothing that is human or earthly. Rapidly are men ranging themselves under the banner they have chosen. Restlessly are they waiting and watching the movements of their leaders. There are those who are waiting and watching and working for our Lord's appearing. Another class are falling into line under the generalship of the first great apostate. Few believe with heart and soul that we have a hell to shun and a heaven to win." {DA 636.1}

June 15—Yahoo

Poll: Half of Americans now predict U.S. may 'cease to be a democracy' someday

Eventually that will be true, but not until it fulfills prophecy: "And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed" (Revelation 13:12). But yes, with the United States being the seventh world influencing power, the Bible

says, "And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, [and] the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space. And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition" (Revelation 17:10-11). The fifth world influencing power will eventually take down the United States and then "the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast" (Revelation 17:12).

June 21—Fox News

DOJ allowing illegal protests outside SCOTUS justices' homes despite federal law, former officials say

Ellen White penned "...under the influence of this threefold union, our country shall repudiate every principle of its Constitution as a Protestant and republican government..." {5T 451.1}. Though it may not appear to be directly stated in the constitution about the protests being allowed by the DOJ despite being illegal, the federal laws are not being used properly tearing the fabric of this nation. It is blatant and total misuse of power by the DOJ or purposeful lack thereof to not dis-

perse the protestors.

June 23—Rolling Stone

The Supreme Court Just Fused Church and State — and It Has Even Uglier Plans Ahead

And here is another title from the "Daily Beast": "Separation of Church and State Is Crumbling Before Our Eyes". Now, this may be liberals overreacting or there may be some truth to it. Either way, prophecy says about the United States that it "had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon" (Revelation 13:11). The two horns, the two principles separating church and state would eventually turn into a country that fuses them together and speaks as a dragon causing people to even worship in a certain manner (Revelation 13:12, 15).

June 23—People En Español

4 Beverages That Will Hydrate You More Than Water This Summer Season

Is Ellen White wrong? "But if anything is needed to quench thirst, pure water drank some little time before or after the meal is all that nature requires. Never take tea, coffee, beer, wine, or any spirituous liquors. Water is the best liquid possible to cleanse the tissues" {RH, July 29,

1884 par. 7}. So first, one would have to excuse the cost for these better hydration drinks, therefore, already they are liars. God never intended for us to spend \$59.88 for just twelve cans to refresh the body. Then, in looking into the ingredients, we find that many of them are not good for the body, including: caffeinated green tea, natural flavors, flavoring, etc. So no, Ellen White is not wrong. It is what is considered acceptable by society that is wrong.

June 26—USA Today

LGBTQ books are being banned from schools. Here's how kids can still read them.

Proverbs 26:11 states, "As a dog returneth to his vomit, [so] a fool returneth to his folly."

June 27—Seventeen

***** Channels Barbie *****

From the magazine Seventeen, we obscured the title and content because we do not care to drive people to examining it, but this is the point – How does one channel Barbie? Channeling is usually connected with connected with the spirit of the dead, usually by actors in thinking they can express the spirit's intent in character during filming. All of this is spiritualism, "seducing spir-

its" (1 Timothy 4:1), "spirits of devils" (Revelation 16:14). Now, back to Barbie. Barbie is an inanimate object. It was never a soul and never a spirit involved. So, how can this celebrity channel an inanimate object? That is even worse than spiritualism. There is some serious mental issues on someone's part – actress or reporter.

June 28—The Hill

Boebert says she is 'tired' of separation between church and state: 'The church is supposed to direct the government'

"The church appeals to the strong arm of civil power, and in this work, papists and Protestants unite" {GC88 607.1}

June 28—Brownstone

The Normalization of Dishonesty in Medical Science

"in vain shalt thou use many medicines; [for] thou shalt not be cured" (Jeremiah 46:11).

June 28—Accuweather

Explosive, 'truly biblical' swarms of cannibalistic insects ravage crops out West

"There shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places" (Matthew 24:7).



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this is where the blessings come in. I get to take on some of those tasks acting as the project manager without having to compromise the Sabbath. Yes, it is a bump in pay until the position is filled, and yes it requires a few more hours a week with pay, but it does not demand much of a shift in how my hours are spent each day.

Now speaking of which, the company found a candidate right away back in April into May – a long process each candidate goes through over a six-week period. The client liked the candidate, however, for some reason, it was taking longer than normal which was making the candidate a little impatient to the point he removed his name from consideration.

That means the company needs to find someone else and start the whole six-week process over again; but herein lies the next blessing. The company decided to not fill the project manager position quite yet. We have a difficult task as a team to be completed by August, so a temporary specialist was hired using a portion of the allotted funds from the vacant position as long as I would maintain my cur-

rent responsibilities throughout the summer months. Would I agree to such? Absolutely! The amount of income in the months of April through August offsets an entire year's worth of that second employment position that I was considering which paid nowhere near the hourly rate I get for my current employment.

Like I said, the Bible tells us that God would provide for our every need. What will happen after August, or for that matter, after next April, God only knows, but this I do know – God will provide in a manner that the responsibility for ministry, family, home, current employment will not suffer!



Ellen White Abbreviations In this Issue

1SM - Selected Messages Book 1

2SM - Selected Messages Book 2

6T - Testimonies for the Church Volume Six

DA - The Desire of Ages

Ed - Education

GC - The Great Controversy (1911)

GC88 - The Great Controversy (1888)

GCB - The General Conference Bulletin

HL - Healthful Living

ML - My Life Today

PH144 - Pamphlet 144

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Natural Remedies

COMMENT: *In these times we live in, even access to natural supplements will become increasingly difficult to access, so we are going to try our best to use the most natural means possible to deal with health situations.*

Salt Water

A sore throat is most often caused by a viral infection, which usually resolves on its own. But the scratchiness is uncomfortable, and swallowing worsens the irritation. Speed up the healing by dissolving 1/2 -1 teaspoon of salt in an 8-ounce glass of warm water and gargle several times a day. Salt acts like a water magnet and pulls out the excess fluid to reduce swelling and loosen mucus, helping flush out irritants or bac-

teria. Salt water also helps in relieving pain after a tooth extraction. Gently swish a mouthful to clean the extraction site since you can't

brush the area to keep it clean. Be careful not to dislodge the clot that's formed, as that could be painful and lengthen the recovery time. 

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